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REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed November 22, 2004 in which claims 1-12 were allowed.

The amendment merely brings claim 1 into full compliance with the Examiner's Amendment dated November 22, 2004. In particular, the Examiner amended claim 1 by replacing the term "input latch" with "first latch". However, the Examiner's amendment did not change the last occurrence of "input latch" within claim 1. Applicants propose changing this last occurrence of "input latch", which appears on the last line of claim 1, to "first latch" so as to fully conform claim 1 with the Examiner's Amendment. No new matter is being introduced.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 312, this Amendment is being filed either before or with the payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that it be entered.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants submit that the application is allowable for reasons in addition to those set forth in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Accordingly, applicants reserve their rights to file one or more continuing or reissue applications, including a broadening reissue application.

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this



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paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

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